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"For a world united in prayer"

Oh God, our Heavenly Father, help us, we pray thee, to honor Christmas in our hearts and keep its Spirit throughout the coming year.

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C H R I S T M A S

This December number is significantly dedicated to Christianity--for, in this month, the birth of Christ is celebrated.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. Frederick C. Grant of Union Theological Seminary for the succinct, but wonderfully revealing, article "Jesus, The Master of Christianity." In reading this article, one cannot help but be profoundly impressed with the beauty of that Life and of the tremendous impact it could make upon mankind. Elsewhere in this issue, it is shown that the nominal followers of Christ are more than double the number of any other religion in the world. Working unitedly, we believe, Christianity alone could exert a force which would overshadow the works of evil in this world.

It is our earnest hope that the LOVE exemplified by Christ will find a place in the hearts of ALL believers in God this Christmas Season and that steadfast faith in Him will prevail.

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L O V E A N D C O U R A G E

By Dr. William Hung

It was at a time when a great power decreed that all the world should be taxed, that a new babe was born amidst the heavenly proclamation: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This was not a mockery of truth, for God was making a new and supreme effort to point out to His erring and rebellious children the way which His Moses, Confucius, Buddha, and a host of other prophets had, in varying degrees of clarity, already indicated.

But, for nineteen and a half centuries, the confused weakness of the erring, and the stubborn strength of the rebellious, have conspired to make mockery of that angelic scene and announcement. The patience of the Heavenly Father must have been sorely tried. And yet, throughout centuries during every Christmas Season, hundreds of millions of men, women and children have reminded the Heavenly Father and themselves of the still unfulfilled Promise. This is perhaps one of the considerations that has kept God from giving up hope and abandoning humanity to complete destruction

Just now, we seem to be in one of the saddest Christmas seasons. The world that is proudly against God is threatening the world that is dubiously for God with a war that might indeed spell the end of humanity. The attack of one side is with firmly organized hate and deeply implanted fear. Will the defense of the other consist only of a mixture of confused theorizing, conceit in material superiority and technical "know-how," angry retaliation, or futile appeasement? Such is not the right armor against the onslaught of hate and fear. God wants His children to love and fear not. The sure weapons to win a lasting peace are LOVE and COURAGE—the love that can chastise and reconcile, the courage that can face threats and is not afraid. The Heavenly Father must be sorrowing, for both the erring and the rebellious, both the faithful and the faithless are His children. The Star of Bethlehem is threatened with eclipse. Look up, O wise men, before you look ahead into the gathering darkness.

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OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee at this Christmas Season as Thy children, in hope and confidence, praying that Thou wilt bless all people and all nations. May we, one and all, as individuals and as nations, turn more and more to Thee, for the solution of our problems, for guidance and wisdom in our daily lives--

WE PRAY for our Fellowship and all who share therein.

WE PRAY for a blessing on all efforts to bring people together in friendship, love and truth.

WE PRAY for our boys on the battle field, for the poor, the sick, those suffering from racial discrimination, greed and injustice.

WE PRAY for those engaged in the training of the youth of all lands for higher ideals and the need for deeper spirituality in institutions of learning.

WE PRAY that the new National Council of Churches will broaden its scope, that the work of the Kingdom may go forward in unity.

WE PRAY that the United Nations be given wisdom and insight to cope with the grave problems which face it.

WE PRAY that the nations now at war, or on the verge of war, may pause and reconsider their attitudes and that ALL may come together under Thy guidance and live as neighbors in peace on earth.

WE PRAY that there may come a world-wide spiritual renaissance and that Thy Kingdom will be established.

And in Thy name we pray, and for Thy glory.

Amen.

N E W Z E S T F O R L I V I N G

By Grenville Kleiser

To make the most of life, and to make the best of it, is a subject that has engaged the minds of our greatest thinkers.

Said a wise man, "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on the dial; we should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

To preserve the heart, life should be made up of little things, in which smiles and kindness, and small favors, are given habitually.

Zest in life is maintained by the appreciation of good books and of nature, love of the fine arts, the approval of conscience, unselfish service to others, and steadfast faith in GOD.

Cardinal qualities for enjoyment of life are agreeableness, sincerity and adaptability, serenity, considerateness, loyalty, integrity, and magnanimity.

Zest in life comes from new interests and pleasant experiences, enduring friendships, high ideals, and awareness of the power of righteousness.

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You can make your life a really great and productive one, but it will require intelligent effort, rigid discipline, and a high and worthy aim. All the distinguished men of the world have been earnest and prodigious workers, looking for quality of results rather than for largeness of reward. Life without aim, aspiration, work, and achievement would be a monotonous treadmill. Indolence and idleness breed discontent and carelessness.

To be happy you must work, and the greatest reward for your work is the consciousness that it has been well done. The opportunities for useful work are abundant on all sides, and if you have the will the way will open wide to you. Do your appointed work today and do it well.

The supreme object of life is not satisfied desire,

realized ambition, acquisition of personal power, accumulation of riches, or indolent ease, freedom, and contentment. Life is activity, planning, dreaming, aspiring, doing, serving, pressing on from one attainment to still greater heights. It is right and worthy for you to plan for a time when you can have respite from business or regular occupation.

Such leisure is not for idleness, however, but for reading, writing, traveling, public speaking, or other useful form of activity. A fully realized ambition, with no hope nor desire for anything greater, would mean disintegration and death. If you would be happy, keep your daily life filled with useful and interesting work.

Let simplicity govern your life. The habit of constantly reaching out for something just beyond your grasp will tend to bring discontent rather than happiness. It is destructive to your tranquility of mind to envy others what you have not, to want too many of the things you see around you, and to dwell overmuch upon your own desires.

Use and enjoy what you now have, be grateful for present opportunities and blessings, and trust your ability and the future to bring what is good and best for you. True happiness does not depend upon great material possessions, but emanates largely from the mental qualities of contentment, confidence, serenity, and beneficence. Simplicity of life always tends to happiness.

The sea is a sublime illustration of man's life. Smooth, quiet, serene, it suggests tranquil and pleasant sailing. But storms come, and wind and tempest threaten to destroy everything within their grasp. Giant waves rise to awful heights, lightning flashes, and the great conflict of material forces strikes terror to the stoutest heart. Then follows calm, the sea stretches out again in all its gentle beauty and tranquility, and the voyager looks hopefully toward the desired haven.

You are now traveling over the sea of life. Some days will be smooth, others stormy, but if you are intelligently equipped like the far-sighted mariner, you can be confident of a safe voyage and a friendly harbor.

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COMPROMISE

The word compromise has "made the news" more frequently than it deserves, especially so when it is used as "a committal to something derogatory, hazardous, or objectionable; a prejudicial concession, a surrender" to quote Webster. Paired off with "appeasement" we have a bad team.

The beginnings of World War II are chargeable to compromise, including the devastations of Manchuria and Ethiopia. History may place Yalta in the same category regardless of how agreements were reached. And now compromise is being injected into negotiations with an anti-religious ideology which would throttle every freedom the world possesses, and the sole purpose is to subjigate all peoples to a diabolical tyranny whose authority rests in the state, but whose power actually arises from totalitarian dictators. When compromise enters here, God eventually goes out the back door. Politicians never say the word, but use it they do, and it has a way of inbreeding which rears a whole family of vices more vicious than the original.

More than a year ago, there was much boasting that the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A. could stay in Poland and carry on the humanitarian part of their programs, thereby radiating an "influence." Today they are out.

George Washington knew the viciousness of compromise--for, in the early days of our country, there were those who would take the seemingly easy road of compromise in the administering of the Constitution. On one such occasion, Washington said, "It is too probable that no plan we propose will be adopted. Perhaps another dreadful conflict is to be sustained. If to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honorable can repair. The event is in the hands of God."

We need that kind of statesmanship now! But how did we get so opportunistic? This question asked of several friends brought answers, which boiled down meant "lazy thinking." Under more fire, we finally arrived at "lack of a goal."

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And that is it--lack of perspective, principle, planning! Others have "plans" and even infiltrate our domain with "planned economy" which is really a slumber song of a foreign ideology. It is time we set our sights on the bull's eye, rather than paint the target around the shot. This applies to government, business and religion. There are few Apostle Pauls to assert, "This one thing I do!" On the other hand, it is needed as never before. This pusilanimous attitude, on second thought, can be charged largely to religions, for they are arch offenders. There has been a letting down of the bars to avoid offending timid souls, and timidity has stalked in and taken over. Fifty years ago, sin was preached by the name of sin and newspapers printed whole sermons. Today it is "perverted influences" - "misguided ethics" - "psychological differences" - and newspapers print a paragraph, occasionally. Thank God, this is not universally true, but the percentage is high. We moderns have demanded a changed religious approach and we have it! And thereby may lose our freedoms.

There is a group of pastors, priests and rabbis in this country who are doing a magnificent work in leading people to an honorable way of living. Any special endowments these men possess can be more than matched by the less fortunate in an all-out surrender to God, "who giveth power to the weak." But, it needs the surrender of prejudice, pride and bigotry, and the adherence to the fundamental principles which the prophets of God have spoken down through the ages. We are not worthy of any kind of peace until we attain a character which is un-compromising with the works of darkness. May God speak in no uncertain terms this Christmas Season.

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CHRISTIANITY

"The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." (Acts 11:26). Barnabas and Paul had been in Antioch for a year teaching Christ to "much people" and out of it grew the appellation of "Christian"--a name that has grown with the centuries. It was a name, however, that brought only abuses and persecutions upon those who adhered to the cause, mounting to sacrifices of untold lives, for more than three centuries.

It took the prestige of the Roman Emperor Constatine the Great, (324-337) to rescue Christianity and give it the powerful backing of the reigning government. Thereafter the church grew and achieved its great influence during the Middle Ages, probably stimulated by the advent of Islam in the seventh century.

Matters of doctrine brought about a division of the Eastern from the Western section of the church during the eleventh century and the Reformation, led by Martin Luther in 1517 brought further division by the Western Section splitting into two bodies—the Catholics and Protestants. (Identifying the Eastern Greek Orthodox as Protestant).

Without any question, the Roman Catholic Church is the dominant Christian power in the world. Its strict adherence to the leadership of the Pope gives it a pre-eminent position of solidarity and influence. It has challenged atheism with courage and defiance, at times, when no sympathizing voice was raised with even a simple "Amen." It can be argued that such power begets abuses which is, without doubt, true, especially as the administrators of that power are human beings. Choice holdings of land in large quantities has caused friction in times and places, but these have been, and are being largely corrected.

In spite of criticisms and protests, one is profoundly impressed, upon wending his way through the Vatican, with the power - if you will - which can acquire and hold through two devastating World Wars, the vast displays of sacred and secular art. The test of the value of the Roman Catholic Church is an answer to the question, "What would the world have been without it?"

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Then there have been the aspersions and "protests" of the Protestants which began long before the Reformation, and, at times, has challenged the mother church to mend its ways and, undoubtedly, this has been of value to both sides.

The manner in which Protestantism is split, however, has precluded the development of adequate leadership to create a powerful unit of force in the world. The truth is that denominationalism has generated the greatest strength, for there have been consecrated souls who have given their lives for the propagation of a certain dogma or doctrine. A number of strong bodies have been built with the Methodists leading in number.

The earth has been covered with missionaries of all divisions of the Christian Church (including Roman), all of whom are following the injunction of Christ--"Go ye into all the world." In it, there has been proselytizing, overlapping and costly duplications. The risible of this situation is that the entire Christian Church is worshiping the same God. But out of it has come discord, schisms and bloodshed. Were it not so tragic, it would be pertinent to say that the risibility must be in heaven.

With Christendom so divided (262 sects in USA), there is little wonder that the world finds itself in chaos. It is not too much to say that the teachings of Jesus are too soul-searching for the vastly larger percentage of His followers to accept, to say nothing of the world. "Not all that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven."

We turn from this unsatisfactory survey to the following pages where Jesus is revealed in the simplicity and beauty of a selfless, poured-out life. But down through the ages that is not so important as the fact that He has been accepted by countless millions as the Divine Redeemer. The world needs Him now more than ever before.

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JESUS, THE MASTER OF CHRISTIANITY
By Dr. Frederick C. Grant

Jesus of Nazareth was born during the latter years of King Herod the Idumaean. He was born in Bethlehem of Judea among the "people of the land" with no prospect of power, influence or ease, but only the toilsome life of a village carpenter, a builder of houses and barns. He doubtless learned to read in the village synagogue, which was schoolhouse as well as a church. His profound knowledge of the scripture was acquired through his own private study and meditation. He recognized the broad fundamental principles of the divine revelation, the nature of God and of men, and Man's duty to God, and the loving purposes of God for man. He was an "Am haarez," a man of the people, and their champion, against the abstruse and complicated and sometimes unjust casuistry of the scribes. His outlook was purely religious. He believed that it was possible to serve God truly, to repent and prepare to enter God's Kingdom, without either becoming an expert in the legal details of the scribal tradition or seizing the sword and striking a blow against Roman tyranny. And he believed that God's Kingdom--God's Reign--was soon to be set up over all the earth, in its fullness of splendor and blessing. His healing of the sick, his exorcism of demons, his conversion of sinners--all this was the evidence of the on-coming Reign of God.

He was the agent of God in the realization of the divine purpose, in the full establishment of the divine reign. There is no evidence, in the earliest gospels, that he proclaimed himself, or made faith in himself the test of admission to God's Kingdom--that view belongs to the Fourth Gospel.

When he went up to Jerusalem for the final Passover, he no doubt knew that his life was in danger and that he might never return to Galilee.But if so, that lay within the purposes of God, and he would not falter. If he were to be put to death by his enemies, God would use his death for a purpose. Others had laid down their lives for God, and somehow God had used them,for the removal of the sins of the people.

Moreover, he himself, whose life, whose purposes, whose will was utterly and completely centered in the will of God, would surely pass through the "grave and gate of death" into the glorious realm of God's eternal sovereignty.

From the study of the gospels there emerges the figure we have described--no mythical Christ read into the tale, not some legendary Adonis or Attis or Osiris, no fantastic theological creation, no projection of the dreams of the submerged masses, no revolutionist, no Mahdi, no fanatic. Instead, he is calm, self-collected, human, and utterly devoted to the purposes of God. In a word, he was a Galilean chasid, as Rudolf Otto described him; he was a Jewish saint. In him, as St. Paul said, "the promises of God are yea;" for him the purposes of God are paramount--there are no other. We, as Christians, believe he is the one who stands central and complete, both in man's relation to God (perfect obedience) and in God's relation to man (the Redeemer). God could use him, as he could use--or has used--no other; for the very being of Jesus was rooted in God. In him God is revealed as in no other. In him God's purposes are achieved, as in no other.

On the basis of a purely secular rendering of human history, he was only one more Galilean prophet, who paid with his life for his words and his deeds, during the unhappy days of the Roman occupation, some years before the revolt and catastrophe of the Jewish war of 66-70. But on the basis of God's concern with human history and for human persons he is Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of Mankind, the Redeemer of the World. And we can see even in the earliest gospel sources a dawning awareness of this super-human, super-historical, transcendent fact. It is little use trying to prove, from the gospels or on any other basis, that Jesus was divine. Each of us must stand in the way as he enters Jerusalem in triumph, and recognize Jesus in the totality of his character, meaning and purpose, not as "the prophet from Nazareth" but the redeemer of mankind.

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ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years was an itinerant preacher. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying, and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of a man upon this earth as powerfully as has that ONE SOLITARY LIFE!

(Author Unknown)

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May the faith that gives us hope,
The love that glows sublime,
The peace that cheers the heart,
Be yours this Christmastime.

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OTHER RELIGIONS

The following is a reprint of the figures issued last spring by the Publicity Department of the United Nations on the religions of the world:

	Million	Per Cent
Roman Catholic	339	21.31
Protestant & Evangelical	136	8.56
Eastern Greek Orthodox	128	8.04
Mohammedan	221	13.89
Confucianism	300	19.17
Buddhists	190	9.11
Hindus	230	14.46
Taoists	50	3.14
Shintoists	25	1.57
Hebrew	12	.75
Religious Population	1,591	100.
Nonreligious	709	30.8
Total World Population	2,300	

Obviously, these figures are incomplete as Jainism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism are not counted. For our purposes Shintoism is not considered, no matter what one may think of it being a religion.

Also it is inconceivable that there are 300 million followers of Confucius and 50 million Taoists in China at present. More likely, these figures represent guesses as to the influence of religions on the population of certain Oriental countries.

Admitting irregularities in the above figures, it is quite probable that more than fifty per cent of the world's population is allied in some way to a religion. The religious polls taken in the United States cannot be used as a yard stick upon those in foreign countries. It is safe to assume, however, that those who are applying their religion to international affairs comprise a relatively small group.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN U. S. A.

Steps of progress were made in snowbound Cleveland on November 28th when delegates from 11 Christian bodies voted to unite under the captioned heading. It has been approved by 25 Protestant and 4 Eastern Orthodox communions representing 32 million people.

This is a step in the right direction and is aimed principally at avoiding duplication of effort and wasteful operation. It is a far cry to a uniting of Protestant denominations and possibly the real strength of Protestantism is in its wide variety of interpretations. Each one develops a technique and strength of its own. The splitting into a myriad of parts has been criticized by the most ardent Protestant leaders. Alice Moldenhawer cites such cases in her article in the "World-Telegram and Sun" of November 25, 1950. She quotes Luther as saying--"I pray you to leave my name alone and not to call yourselves Lutherans, but Christians. Who is Luther? My doctrine is not mine."

"Cease, my dear friends, to cling to these party names and distinctions; away with them all; let us call ourselves only Christians after him from whom our doctrine comes."

And again from John Wesley:

"Would to God that all party names and inscriptural phrases and forms, which have divided the Christian world, were forgot."

For a long time, it has been obvious with us that some sort of coalition of religious forces must be achieved lest there be an eclipse of spiritual forces which, in reality, have brought worthwhile living into the world. We refuse to think mankind will reach a stage where the works of darkness will control our lives. But to avoid it, more must be done than is now being achieved.

MEDITATION WITH THOMAS a KEMPIS

(A great saint and author of the fifteenth century, Thomas à Kempis, is best remembered by his "Imitation of Christ" from which the following are selected)--

"In truth it is not deep talk that makes a man holy and just; but a virtuous life that makes him dear to God."
"The more humble a man is in himself, and the more subject to God, the wiser will he be in all things and the more at peace."
"The fancying and the changing of places have deceived many."
"If every year we root out one vice, we should soon become perfect men."
"Turn thine eyes back upon thyself, and take heed thou judge not the doings of others."
"Man proposes, but God disposes; nor is the way of man in himself."
"Seek a proper time to retire into thyself, and often think over the benefits of God."
"If thou wilt be borne with, bear also with another."
"Peace is what all desire; but not all care for those things for true peace."
"There is no true liberty nor good joy but in the fear of God with a good conscience."
"Tomorrow is an uncertain day; and how dost thou know that thou wilt have a tomorrow."
"Be not puffed up by reason of any skill or knowledge; but rather fear on account of the knowledge which is given thee."
"We often know not what we can do; but temptation discovers what we are."
"Man considers the actions, but God weighs the intentions."
"God alone is eternal, infinite in greatness, filling all things; the solace of the soul and the true gladness of the heart."
(We should turn back the pages of time and read more of Thomas à Kempis).

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DOM ALEXIS

In the July 10th issue of LIFE, Anne Morrow Lindbergh wrote inspiringly of her visit with Dom Alexis who, single handed, inaugurated the restoration of the Cistercian Abbey at Boquen, France.

Built at great sacrifice in the twelfth century, the monastary fell into complete disuse during the fifteenth century and deteriorated into ruins and weeds. In 1936 Dom Alexis received a call from God to restore the ruins for the simple practical St. Benedictine Order and he succeeded miraculously well. Now visitors from the wide world come to him for a revival of faith.

This sainted monk started the work alone and by austerity and simplicity of living captivated the people in that locality. Now nine monks participate in helping in the development.

Mrs. Lindbergh inquired as to the need for such sacrifice and hard work to rebuild the ruins, but answered her own query:

"The fact that we must weigh everything in physical scales is certainly a proof that we have lost our spiritual ones."

"Why do people travel far to see you?" she asked.

"It is the idea that draws them, the idea of renewal."

"Does it mean living very much more simply, more purely, more directed by God?"

"Yes, and above all, in the truth, in all ways, in all lines. Young people have a sense of Brother without a sense of Father. ** Love of God and the love of man cannot be separated."

This "renewal" achievement might spearhead a spiritual regeneration in France.

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Fellowship In Prayer has also made contacts in France, which doubtless will greatly aid such a movement.

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OUR OBJECTIVE

A year has now passed since Fellowship In Prayer came into being. First, as a group sponsoring an advertisement in THE NEW YORK TIMES (December 12, 1949) and later as a continuing committee. On June 5, 1950, however, incorporation papers were filed with the Secretary of State at Albany, New York.

The primary purpose was to stimulate the development of a spiritual regeneration around the world. The method consisted of the use of prayer by ALL religious faiths on the basis that all believe in prayer and that there are fundamental factors which are identical in ten outstanding religious sects in the world. Truth, honesty, justice and mercy find a place in practically every religion. Praying to God, our Father, that these attributes may be emphasized in every faith and that the prayers of all believers may be heard by God Almighty, appeared to be the most plausible method of producing results. When once these practices are established, even to a limited degree, the brotherhood of man is not far off, or at least is hastened.

The mere process of becoming established has been but a small part of the year's work. Contacts have been made around the globe. Prayer Circles have been set up and stimulated. A group of devout religious leaders has become interested, and some churches have made Fellowship In Prayer a part of their activities. Educational institutions have cooperated and contributions have been received toward expenses of operation. Nine issues of "FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER" have been published and have received wide endorsement.

"Our Objective" is really an intensification of these efforts by all means available, and the broadening of the field of activities by featuring a world religion in each issue of "FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER." More descriptive literature is in process of production.

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B O O K S

A LIFE OF JESUS - By Edward J. Goodspeed. (Harper & Bros. - $3.00) Simple and inspiring, without interpolations of imagined conversations.

THE DARTMOUTH BIBLE - Edited by R. B. Chamberlin and Herman Feldman. (Houghton)
Abridged but not expurgated. Modern paragraphing, large print. Reputedly a masterpiece.

LIFT UP YOUR HEART - By Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen. (McGraw Hill - 308 pp $3.00) A great contribution to religious literature by a great religious leader and author.

ONE MOMENT PLEASE - By Rev. James Keller. (Doubleday - 365 pp $2.00) Author of "You Can Change The World." A message, scripture and prayer for each day of the year.

THE RELIGION OF AI-ISLAM - By Dr. Ahmad A. Galwash. (Young Men's Muslim Assn. - 216 pp $1.50)
A study and explanation of the purpose of Islam with other information on the Koran.

ALLAH, THE GOD OF ISLAM - By Florence Mary Fitch, author of "One God." (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co.- $3.00) Answers the child's questions about the people whose prophet is Mohammed but whose God is the God of all.

THE HOLY QURAN - Text, Translation and Commentary issued by the Washington Mosque Foundation, Washington, D. C. (Two volumes $8.00)
English translation of the Koran by Abdullah Yusuf Ali. Universally accepted as the best translation of the Koran in existence. Profits accrue to the building of the Mosque in Washington, D. C.

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TOPICS OF INTEREST

Elbert Hubbard once set about shortening the Golden Rule and produced this--

"DO UNTO OTHERS AS THOUGH YOU WERE THE OTHERS."

On December 7, 1950, the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America severed its last spiritual tie with the Russian Church in the Soviet Union. At that time, it was stated that there is an underground church which spreads its doctrines throughout Russia.

We salute the appearance of Durer's "Folded Hands" in the publicity promoting "Religion in American Life" during November. Its accompanying slogan was, "Take your problems to church this week--millions leave them there."

Plans are in process for the securing of Billy Graham, the noted Evangelist, for a period of a six weeks evangelistic campaign in New York City during the summer of 1952. Millions have heard Billy Graham over the radio and wherever he speaks in the name of Christ. This all helps toward a spiritual regeneration.

"In most portions of the world today, the Christian stream is flowing through narrow channels. It does not reach people outside the church. We need to build bridges of love which can lead to the real goal--fellowship with God." (Written ten years ago by a religious statesman of world-wide experience).

It has been brought to our attention that Dr. Truman B. Douglass, President of the Home Missions Council of North America made some significant remarks on unity before an audience at Chatauqua, N. Y. the last week of August. "The great majority of church members seem willing to rest comfortably on the assumption that time is on their side." he said; and warned that today's events are saying to the churches they'd better hurry toward unity. He felt

it possible for civilization based upon the Hebrew-Christian tradition to suffer a "staggering and disasterous defeat," and concluded, "Today it is clear that the churches must unite or Christianity will suffer a long period of eclipse."

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We record our gratitude for the two contributions to this publication from the pen of Mr. Grenville Kleiser--"New Zest For Living" and "The Challenge." A great thinker and writer, Mr. Kleiser has always been interested in worthwhile efforts to bring man and God closer together.

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These publications are, of course, mailed to the supporters of Fellowship In Prayer, but a copy will be sent to any interested person upon request. Copies in quantity will also be furnished at five cents per copy.

A cordial invitation is extended to all God-fearing people to join Fellowship In Prayer.
All are privileged to send in the names of others whom it is thought would wish to have a share in this work.

Contributions toward the expenses of carrying on the program will be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged. Gifts are deductible for income tax purposes.

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THE CHALLENGE

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To Christian men,
The world demands
New proof again.

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Defies the power
Of things unseen.

The Church, the Book,
Must stand the test,
To show the world
God's truth is best.

The cause of Christ
Must suffer loss,
If Christian men
Bear not the cross.

No longer words
Nor empty creeds,
The world demands
New proof in deeds.

--Grenville Kleiser